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Why Kannamangala gram panchayat with 6,500 households, 80 businesses, 10 schools could be a model in waste management

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Only panchayat with an automated composting machine in Karnataka

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Kannamangala panchayat of Mahadevapura assembly constituency has the potential to become a model for other panchayats around Bengaluru in waste management.

With the pilot project – Namma Swachha Kannamangala – that was launched a year ago becoming a huge success, Kannamangala panchayat is on the right track to address waste management issues.

Namma Swachha Kannamangala was launched in February 2023. Initially, the workers and volunteers began focusing on segregating 10 recyclable items from dry waste. Now, the number of recyclable items has been increased to 21 recyclable items from the dry waste brought to the waste management centre.

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Door-to-door waste collection at Kannamangala; segregation of dry waste

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'17.24% of educated youths jobless'

Unemployment rate of young, educated females improved in state, says report

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The unemployment rate among the educated young population in Karnataka has been on the rise. According to India Employment Report 2024, while 11.76% of the population with secondary or higher education in the age group of 15 to 29 was unemployed in 2005, currently, 17.24% of the educated youths are without jobs.

The unemployment rate of educated males in the age group has now reached 17.03% compared to 8.18% in 2005. However, the silver lining is that the unemployment rate of young and educated females has improved in the state. While 23.53% of young females with secondary or higher education were unemployed in 2005, a little over 18% are now without jobs.

"Educated youths have a higher rate of unemployment, reflecting a mismatch with their aspirations and available jobs. Beyond this, there is a large proportion of youths, particularly young women, not in education, employment or training. Technological change and digitalisation

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Gift of life

Blood donation is a life-saving act of solidarity with others, says the World Health Organization. This Lenten season, save lives by donating your precious blood at the 13th-year voluntary blood donation camp at St Stephen's Lutheran Church. **When: March 30, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm; Where: St Stephen's Lutheran Church, Frazer Town**

02 Perspectives and experiences

Join Urban Solace's international women's month special talk on 'Women in Social Media' with Prarthana, an award-winning digital creator, as part of the 'Women as Accomplishment: A series of talks by women on the leading edge of life!' She is a queer content creator on YouTube and other social media platforms. The content she makes aims at offering a genuine perspective on queer and desi experiences, along with a hearty amount of humour in the storytelling process. **When: March 30, 6 pm to 7 pm; Where: Urban Solace, Ulsoor**

03 Tune in to your groove

The National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA), which is recognised for its rich cultural heritage and diverse performances, is hosting the inaugural edition of its highly anticipated NCPA@ thePark series in Bengaluru. Enjoy your weekend starting with the spectacular performance by 'Symphony Orchestra of India,' a captivating blend of spoken word and music, weaving tales of love, hope, and life through their unique artistry with 'UnErase Poetry,' a mesmerising neo-classical Odissi performance by 'Srjan dance troupe, led by Ratikant Mohapatra,' and finally, groove to the beats with an electrifying performance that combines pop, retro, rock n roll, and classic music with 'Darren Das & The Sixth Sense.'
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Where: Freedom Park

Teachers allege that they are 'overburdened'

Education department expects evaluation of 1.66 crore papers in just three days

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As exam seasons are underway, in addition to students who are stressed and complaining, evaluators are expressing that they are feeling 'overburdened.'

In a letter addressed to the education department, the Recognized Unaided Private Schools Association (RUPSA) alleged that more than 1.66 crore answer sheets need to be evaluated in three days without sufficient pay.

Lokesh Talikatte, RUPSA president, said that the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) issued an updated circular stating that 80 papers for fifth grade, 60 for eighth grade, and 40 for ninth grade should be corrected per day. After criticism of this decision, the requirements were changed to 50 and 30 papers for fifth and eighth grades, respectively. "With a total of 45,000 teachers in the state and everyone's participation, it would normally take five to six days to evaluate the papers. However, the education department has instructed us to complete it within just three days. One can easily imagine the impact this rush would have on the quality of evaluation. Furthermore, he questioned this demand, stating that why should teachers undertake this task without compensation? For instance, teachers who assess SSLC answer scripts receive Rs 400 to Rs 500 as dearness allowance. Therefore, I strongly advocate for teachers to be paid Rs 15 per answer script and an additional Rs 300 to Rs 400 as dearness allowance," he said.

Responding to the directive by the education department to assess a staggering 1.66 crore answer papers within a mere three-day window and uploading all papers onto SATS by April 2, post-evaluation, Talikatte said in a letter that this directive treats teachers as mechanical entities rather than human beings. "There has been no mention of compensation for the teachers undertaking this arduous task. Amidst the ongoing SSLC exams and the administration of exams for grades 1 to 4 and 6 to 7, a whopping 3.5 crore answer sheets are slated for evaluation. This workload, coupled with existing responsibilities, leaves little room for community engagement programmes," he said.

Compounding the issue is the already dire shortage of teachers in government and aided schools, surpassing 60 per cent. He further expressed their inability to cope with the mental strain of such overwhelming burdens. "The department's recent directives have faced severe public backlash, deemed contradictory to educational values and standards. Despite the scarcity of teachers to impart knowledge, students are compelled to take exams under the scrutiny of cameras and invigilators, while their answer sheets are processed mechanically, devoid of human empathy," he added.

The KSEAB conducted summative assessments (SA-2) for Class 5, 8, and 9 students of government-aided and unaided schools between March 25 and March 28. In addition to the above-mentioned instructions regarding the evaluation of answer sheets for SA-2 for students in classes 5, 8, and 9, the education department circular also stated, "The deputy directors and field and block education officers are directed to ensure the timely completion of evaluation for classes 5, 8, and 9 without any delays, considering the upcoming tasks of room monitoring and the SSLC Annual Examination-1 election work in the coming days. The subject-specific answer key copies are accessible to higher officials for the question papers distributed for the evaluation of classes 8 and 9. The evaluation process should occur cluster-wise at the block level. Additionally, school head teachers and principals will convert student scores into grades, enter them into SATs, and distribute the results to students on a designated school day. Deputy directors (development) and field education officers have been instructed to take appropriate actions accordingly."

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Authorities visit schools to ensure smooth conduct of SSLC exams

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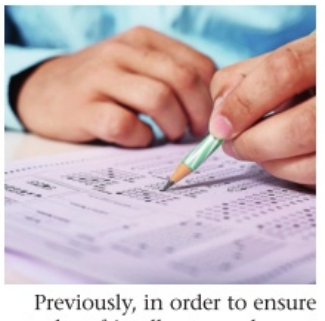
In order to inspect the basic amenities available at schools and interact with teachers and students, the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has decided to visit the institutions where Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) examinations are being held.

On March 26, Naganna Gowda, chairperson of KSCPCR, wrote a letter to the Chairman of the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB), stating that he and members would like to visit the schools where the SSLC examinations are being held.

"Under Section 25 of the Right to Education Act, it is our responsibility to inspect facilities available at schools and also work for the protection of children's rights. We request the presence of education department officials and ask for their cooperation in obtaining the information we seek and letting us know the exam schedules," stated Gowda in the letter written to KSEAB.



Previously, in order to ensure a student-friendly atmosphere at SSLC exam centres, Nagasimha G Rao of the Child Rights Trust submitted a letter to the KSCPCR chairperson, appealing for him to visit the schools hosting the exams. "I requested the KSCPCR chairperson and members to inspect and ensure the availability of basic amenities at schools where the ambience is not conducive for students to focus while writing exams," he said.

Meanwhile, Dr Thippeswamy KT, a member of KSCPCR, has said the chairperson wrote the letter to the chairman of KSEAB on March 28 and has yet to receive a reply. "We expect to receive a reply from the chairman of KSEAB by Saturday. We may visit the SSLC examination centres on Monday," said Dr Thippeswamy.

K'taka ranks 4th in road accidents report, traffic cops take action

ANPR cameras and alcometer tests at toll booths to reduce accidents, say traffic police

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With Karnataka highways seeing 27-28 per cent of road accidents, Karnataka Traffic Police is planning Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras on highways and Alcometer tests at toll plazas.

According to the Road Accidents in India 2022 report, Karnataka experienced 39,762 road accidents, marking a 14.8 per cent increase. It also accounted for 8.6 per cent of the total accidents recorded across the top 10 states with higher road accidents from 2018 to 2022. Out of these accidents, Karnataka saw 13,384 occurrences on national highways, constituting 8.8 per cent of accidents on national highways across the top accident-prone states. In 2022 alone, Karnataka witnessed 4,164 fatality cases on national highways, ranking fourth in the country. The number of persons who died in road accidents per lakh population stood at 12.2 as of 2022.

Recently, the Karnataka Training, Traffic & Road Safety held a meeting with National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) officials to improve road safety on various National Highways (NH), including Bengaluru-Mysore, Bengaluru-Dindigul, Bengaluru-Belgaum, Bengaluru-Mangalore & Mangalore-Karwar Highways.

Nearly 19 to 28 per cent of accidents occur on national highways. We have been conducting meetings with NHAI to address safety issues on highways. Along with the officials, we are addressing the black spots and increasing the pace of construction work. In some places, the carriage width is not uniform, and the road width narrows down in stretches. Medians have been opened by locals for their convenience in some areas. Ongoing construction work is also leading to accidents," said Alok Kumar, Additional Director General of Police Training, Traffic & Road Safety.

He added that thermoplastic paint will be applied on both sides of the road median. "We have noticed an increase in accident cases on the Kanakapura road on the Bengaluru-Dindigul highways. We are also witnessing an increase in cases in the districts of Ramanagara, Mandya, and Chamarajnagara. To address the issue of non-uniform carriage width, we have asked NHAI officials to install cautionary signs about changing the width of the road. On Hassan highways, due to ongoing work, a lot of accidents are taking place. However, local people are resisting the work, and the police will lend support to expedite the work. We have also suggested the installation of blinkers in roundabout junctions to slow down before the junction, improvement of service roads on Hosur Highway and installing rumble strips and cat-eyes in required areas," he added.

Recently, NHAI called a tender for Rs 688 million for improving safety on highways. Karnataka Police is undertaking the installation of 60 radar-sensor embedded ANPR cameras along the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway under 3 crores of Karnataka Police Safety Funds. The cameras are expected to become operational by the end of April. Additionally, police are also procuring 150 laser speed detection guns to prevent speeding. The radar-sensor-embedded ANPR cameras can detect speeding in addition to other violations. Cops are also trying to see if high-beam usage can be detected through the cameras.

NIA releases suspect photos in cafe blast; announces ₹10L reward

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) released new photographs of the suspect responsible for an IED blast at Rameshwaram Cafe on March 1, along with his accomplice. The main suspect, Mussavir Hussain Shazib, also known as Shazeb, is wanted by the NIA and has aliases including Mohammand Junai Hussain and Mohammed Juned Sayed. The NIA announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh for information leading to their capture. Shazib is described as a 30-year-old, approximately 6 feet 2 inches tall, with black straight hair. He often disguises himself by wearing masks, wigs, and fake beards, and prefers jeans and t-shirts. His accomplice, Abdul Matheen Ahmed Taahaa, also known as Abdul Matheen Taha or Vignesh D, is approximately 5 feet 5 inches tall with a wheatish complexion. He disguises himself using Hindu identity documents and prefers wearing caps, t-shirts, jeans, and hoodies. The NIA took over the case on March 3 and identified Shazib as the main accused, along with Taahaa. Muzamil Shareef was arrested as a co-conspirator, providing logistic support to the accused. The blast occurred at ITPL Road, Brookfield in Bengaluru, injuring several staff members and causing extensive property damage. NIA investigations spanned across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh, with crackdowns at multiple locations. –IANS

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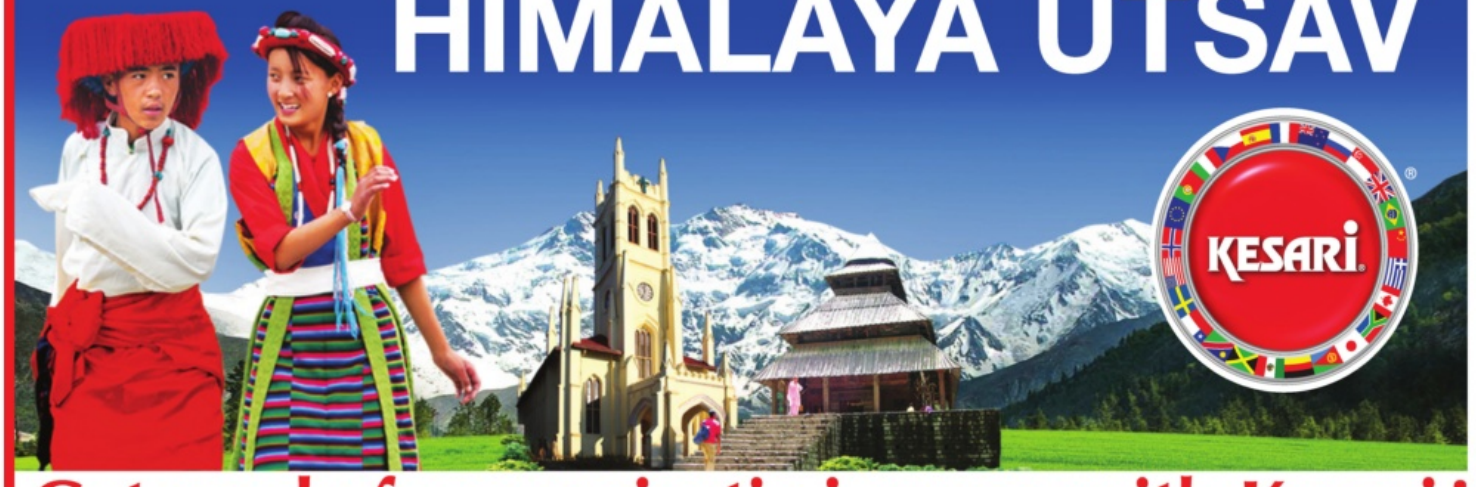

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Kanakapura: Where properties fetch great returns

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"The Kanakapura road's connectivity and accessibility make it highly attractive to property buyers. It connects Bengaluru to the scenic town of Kanakapura and further extends to major tourist destinations like Ramanagara, Shivanasamudra Falls, and Mysore. This connectivity not only provides easy access to these attractions but also links the road to important areas of Bengaluru, such as JP Nagar, Bannerghatta Road, and Electronic City. It offers a perfect blend of urban conveniences and natural beauty, making it an ideal location for residential and commercial developments.

Moreover, it is witnessing rapid infrastructural development, further boosting its appeal to property buyers. The road expansion, the development of wide lanes, flyovers, and underpasses, and plans for metro connectivity are transforming Kanakapura Road into a well-connected and easily accessible corridor within Bengaluru," said Sarita D, a real estate dealer.

The ongoing infrastructure projects at this place indicate future growth and appreciation for properties in this area. The improved connectivity and accessibility make it a prime location for long-term investment.

Additionally, Kanakapura Road is known for its natural beauty and greenery, offering a serene and picturesque environment for residents.

The road is flanked by lush greenery, parks, lakes, and scenic landscapes, providing a peaceful and refreshing living experience away from the city's hustle and bustle. Residing here is like living amidst nature.

The green surroundings, clean air, and scenic views make it a perfect place to call home. The availability of a wide range of housing options catering to different preferences and budgets is yet another factor for realtors investing here.

From luxury villas and gated communities to affordable apartments and plots, it offers diverse choices for homebuyers, making it inclusive and accessible to a wide spectrum of buyers. "I chose Kanakapura Road for my home purchase because of the variety of housing options available. Whether you are looking for a luxurious villa or a budget-friendly apartment, you can find it here," said Supreetha Sunil, a property investor.

Moreover Kanakapura Road is witnessing a surge in commercial and retail developments, including shopping malls, entertainment centres, educational institutions, and healthcare facilities, adding value to the area. This burgeoning infrastructure enhances the quality of life for residents and contributes to the area's overall growth and vibrancy.

"This access makes it a self-sufficient and convenient place to live. With its promise of connectivity, convenience, and a serene living environment, Kanakapura Road is indeed shaping up to be the new future of Bengaluru's real estate landscape, offering endless possibilities for investors and homebuyers alike," said Naveen K, a realtor.

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BWSSB plans to drill 313 borewells across city

Water crisis escalates as 821 BWSSB tube wells dry up, with additional 1,240 at risk

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Due to the severe water crisis, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is planning to drill 313 borewells across the city. The dry spell, escalating before summer, has intensified the public's struggle for water. In response, BWSSB is implementing various measures, including pumping treated water into lakes to boost groundwater levels and installing filter tube wells for purified water. A sum of Rs 31 crore has been earmarked for this crucial project, with tenders already issued for drilling the tube wells.

A senior official said, "The current scenario paints a grim picture, with 821 out of 11,816 BWSSB-maintained tube wells drying up and an estimated 1,240 more at risk this summer. A staggering 60 to 70 per cent of private tube wells have also run dry. BWSSB's decision to drill 313 tube wells comes after a thorough assessment of groundwater levels. Of these, Rs 20 crore has already been invested in 200 tube wells, with BBMP contributing Rs 11 crore for 113 wells. The declining groundwater situation underscores the urgency of these actions."

To ensure effectiveness, BWSSB is deploying geologists across the city to identify areas with viable groundwater levels for drilling bore wells. "This strategic approach aims to maximise water availability and optimise resources. Drilling will proceed only where prospects of water extraction are promising," said BWSSB chairman Ram Prasath Manohar V, stressing the need for prudent decisions to sustain operational bore wells and emphasising maintenance costs.

A man seen collecting water from a leaking pipe amid the water crisis

Meanwhile, many complain that water tanker owners are taking residents for a ride. Despite the Bengaluru Urban District administration penalising 20 tanker owners for flouting regulations, the situation remains uncontrollable.

Sources said that the Deputy Commissioner's order lacks any provision for further actions against these violators, leading private tanker owners to persist with their unethical practices. This has sparked public outrage, as these owners continue to overcharge and exploit consumers by selling water at exorbitant rates. Earlier, the district administration had set fixed prices for water supplied via tankers. Within a range of 5 km, the rates were set at Rs 600 for up to 6,000 litres, Rs 700 for 8,000 litres, and Rs 1,000 for 12,000 litres. For distances ranging from 5 to 10 km, the rates are Rs 750 for 6,000 litres, Rs 800 for 8,000 litres, and Rs 1,200 for 12,000 litres. These rates have been officially scheduled and mandated. However, the order lacks clarity on the course of action against private tankers that charge above the fixed rates. It does not specify whom to approach for complaints regarding such practices or outline the mandatory steps for tanker owners to follow. Consequently, tanker owners continue to exploit consumers by charging excessive amounts for water supply, added a source.

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Meanwhile, the drying up of bore wells has also affected the water tanker business. A water tanker owner said, "The need to source water from neighbouring districts arises due to the current water scarcity situation. There are approximately 3.5 to 4 lakh private bore wells in the city, out of which 60 to 70 per cent have dried up, including our bore wells. Consequently, many tankers remain idle as there is insufficient water in these bore wells, with some yielding only 15 to 20 trips per day compared to the previous capacity. Tanker suppliers who used to provide six to seven trips a day are now limited to three trips due to reduced water availability. Previously, it took just 10 to 15 minutes to fill a tanker, but now it takes up to one hour due to the scarcity. As a result, some tankers are sourcing water from areas like Bidadi, Ramnagar, and Magadi, leading to increased operational costs. Private tanker owners are concerned about the feasibility of providing water at fixed rates under these circumstances and hence we question the Deputy Commissioner's order fixing the prices."

Apartments left clueless as private tankers take over

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The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) tankers, intended for supplying water to 110 villages, appear to be reaching only limited parts of Vajarahalli Village in the Bommanahalli Zone. Apartments in the area state that they primarily rely on private tankers. Due to the delay of Cauvery Stage V and the water crisis in Bengaluru, BWSSB has been issuing water tankers to 110 villages. However, apartments are clueless about how to get these water tankers. Water tankers in the area either release water into Sintex tanks installed or are carried in buckets and drums. Big apartments in the area and individual houses are now dependent on private tankers, and they say that private tankers continue to supply at the same old rates.

"BWSSB tankers supply water tankers in some of the low-income areas but they don't come to our side. They usually do their rounds once a week. But apartments and individual houses are not benefiting from this. How can an apartment with many floors manage to get water in buckets?" said Srivatsava, a resident of Balaji Nagar.

Water tankers running to supply water to apartments have become a common sight

He also added that private tanker prices go unabated despite the government cap and helplessly continue to wait for days for supply. Apartment residents say that they are completely unaware of BWSSB tankers. "The system of supply of water through these water tankers is unclear. We are heavily reliant on private water tankers. We are getting around 2 lakh litres per week. Earlier, we used to get 15 lakh litres per month and now it has reduced to 10 lakh litres," said Shiva Nittal, President of Sobha Forest View apartments with nearly 3,500 residents. Kiran Kumar, a resident of the same apartment said, "We are not aware of the BWSSB tankers. Apartments are directly dealing with vendors and have to pay Rs 800 to Rs 1,500 for 6,000 litres of tankers. If we ask them to supply at the capped rates, they could stop supply altogether For the entire apartment, we need around 40-50 tankers."

Recently, BWSSB announced the issuance of 100 water tankers in addition to the 110 water tankers issued in the first phase.

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Bugged tree
Basavanagudi

This tree on Ratnavilas Road is ridden with termites. Despite complaints, BBMP has taken no action. Pedestrians are at risk of the tree falling on them.

Snack station
Kithiganur

The Kithiganur Bus Stop is being used as an eatery, which is against regulations and contributes to sanitation issues.

Fire risk
Nagarabhavi

Need precautionary measures after a recent fire incident on the road leading from Nagarabhavi towards Nayandahalli, next to the BDA apartment complex on the service road.

Walk in the sky, but wade through mess

Dire straits of skywalk near Nayandahalli metro station forces citizens to request BBMP for action

Rubbish greets pedestrians who use the skywalk near the busy Nayandahalli road

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Pedestrians who frequent vicinities around the Nayandahalli metro station have pointed towards the deplorable condition of the Nayandahalli skywalk.

Commuters have noted that since the entrance to the lift of the skywalk is covered with garbage, senior citizens will be unable to use the skywalk. They have urged the municipal body Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to ensure that the garbage lying around is cleared up immediately.

Moksha, a student who commutes around the area, said that the BBMP must ensure good maintenance of all the skywalks across the city.

"It's not uncommon for pedestrians to have an experience of the lift not working at skywalks. Along with this, the pathway being filled with garbage on either side, wires hanging, are also not an uncommon sight. This must be fixed on priority by the BBMP as many pedestrians rely on these skywalks for crossing roads that experience heavy traffic," she said.

Noting that the skywalk near the Satellite bus stop also receives good footfall as it provides a connection to the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus stop, she stressed on the need for adequate maintenance.

"If the BBMP installed an adequate number of garbage bins across the pathways, the garbage issue will significantly reduce. On the other hand, the functioning of lifts must be regularly checked to ensure they are working efficiently. This will immensely help the elderly and those with special needs," she added.

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A deer caught on camera during sunset at the Bandipur sanctuary.

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Pigeons to feast or flee?

BBMP considers formalising pigeon feeding ban after signage; sparks controversy amongst animal activists

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After a contractor erected a signage prohibiting pigeon feeding on Race Course Road, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is considering installing an official board.

Roughly two days ago, a signage appeared on Race Course junctions stating, "Feeding birds is prohibited. If so, a fine of Rs 200 will be imposed." This junction, recently revamped by BBMP at a cost of Rs 1 crore, was being utilised for junction spaces. "The signage appeared two days ago due to the menace of pigeon poop. Pigeon droppings can spread deadly diseases, and some motorists and residents have complained about this issue. Motorists using the stretch have had to endure pigeon poop landing on them," explained a resident.

This is not the first instance of pigeon feeding being banned in Bengaluru. In July 2023, BBMP placed signage near National College in the South Zone, prohibiting pigeon feeding and warning of penalties. However, this is the first time a specific penalty amount has been displayed.

BBMP officials clarified that they did not put up the signage, suggesting it could have been the contractor's doing

BBMP officials clarified that they did not put up the signage, suggesting it could have been the contractor's doing. "BBMP did not install any signages prohibiting pigeon feeding, but it could have been the contractor. However, the signage is deemed necessary, and we might formalise it. There have been complaints regarding pigeon nuisance in the area, as pigeons often fly during vehicle movement. We might consider making the prohibition official, as there is a provision in the municipality rules for preventing feeding. There is a provision that prevents the feeding of animals causing a public nuisance," stated a senior BBMP official.

Animal activists argue that there cannot be a ban on bird feeding. "BBMP cannot enforce a ban; these signages are being erected by individuals. There are no grounds for such penalties, and the diseases supposedly spread by pigeons are not listed by the National Disease Control Board or the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Feeding birds is a lawful activity, and even the Animal Welfare Board of India has not prohibited feeding pigeons," remarked Arun Prasad, an animal activist.

The signage on Race Course Road

DID YOU KNOW?

Established in 1959, the Bangalore Amateur Radio Club stands as one of India's oldest and most influential amateur radio clubs. Founded by a group of dedicated HAM Radio Operators and Shortwave Listeners, it has been a driving force in promoting the hobby of amateur radio to the general public. With its humble beginnings at Cubbon Park and a foundation rooted in camaraderie, it has grown into a pioneering institution within the amateur radio community. Boasting numerous firsts in the field, including the initiation of the Jamboree on the Air and the organisation of the first Hamfest in 1979, the radio club continues to lead the way in fostering innovation, collaboration, and education among radio enthusiasts.

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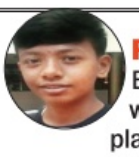
In what ways does Bengaluru's culinary scene influence your belief that it's the best city for food lovers?

Ramesh, BM Reader
Bengaluru's culinary scene, characterised by a fusion of traditional South Indian flavours with global influences, caters to diverse palates. The diverse range, from street food to fine dining, makes it a haven for food enthusiasts.

Kumar, BM Reader
Bengaluru is a paradise for food lovers when it comes to different street foods which always look crowded and colourful. The city's rich culinary heritage is reflected in its street food culture, local snacks, and food markets.



Rakesh, BM Reader
Bengaluru offers a lot of cuisines with different tastes. A lot of places such as Church Street, KR Market, and MG Road have food streets offering different varieties, also every area has different food options.

Suman, BM Reader
One of the best things about the people of Bengaluru is their love for food. The city is a food lover's paradise, and the people here are passionate about their food. The local food scene is a mix of traditional and modern cuisines.

Akash, BM Reader
Bengaluru's street food scene is a treasure trove of gastronomic delights, offering a delightful array of street food that will tantalise your taste buds. The city's food scene has undergone a transformation in recent years.

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Collective conscience

Surely something's amiss in our democracy. It is eerily unusual that in the run up to the Lok Sabha election the electorate is seemingly detached, disinterested and appears as though mechanically readying for some mundane ritual which it is not in the least looking forward to.

Paradox is, on the contrary, unlike the citizenry, the politicians are all in and so is the pliant press — religiously at it as though they are the sole beneficiaries of this make or break election for tens of millions of unemployed youths, the real constituents, who are reduced to mere props.

Oftentimes this has not been the case during elections to the lower house of the parliament over the decades post independence, especially the ones prior to 2014.

Subtle as it were in 2019, some things are weighing down the collective conscience. Acts that shall be essentially termed criminal have been legitimised in the course of the past decade — this can disorient/disillusion a collective — which is why voters have turned rather inanimate, which partly explains why we aren't seeing the angst and anti-incumbency-driven protests. No, we are not considering vitriolic TV debates or social media diatribe which are not in the least organic, nor are a true reflection of the will of the people.

So what are we voting for in this parliamentary election? In a couple of weeks, when you walk into the polling booth, as a rightful citizen to exercise your franchise, what would be on your mind?

For some it may be the fallout of the electoral bonds. A scheme devised by the incumbent to gather monies from the moneyed and ensure the latter fall in line and help prop up the former in a malignant quid pro quo - the citizen voter does not figure.

For some it may be the arrest of a sitting chief minister just days ago. That the party the Delhi chief minister represents and the opposition Congress struck a deal may not be a dealbreaker for the incumbent as much as it is an act of retribution. It is an instance of treating a political opponent as the enemy who must be gotten rid of instead. Definitely this shall have an impact on the electorate. You see, even the US and Germany seemed worried.

The hollowing out of the banking system would have a definitive bearing on the voter. A few days ago, a report revealed how sans consent of the account holders, nationalised banks were withdrawing money from accounts toward various government schemes. The electoral bonds fiasco did not pan out so well for the image of the state bank which initially refused to reveal donor data before the apex court stepped in and forced it.

Another crucial aspect the voter may be worried about is the invasion of the press by the incumbent and corporates: a fact now lost in diabolic shouting sessions that are sadly termed 'prime time television debates'. Surely a section of the voters would be thinking whether it could have been any different if the media were asking the right questions to the elected representatives of the parliament on behalf of their constituents alongside reporting plain facts and not peddling propaganda.

The prospective voter may be a tad amused about the meek campaigns of the opposition parties on the backdrop of the freezing of accounts and slapping them with income tax notices at an opportune time. Surely the voter ain't naive to believe this is a level playing field.

For many it could be jurisprudence holding forth in its final attempts to rein in the rogues that are watching over the implosion of the world's largest and most populous democracy. The voter, unlike many politicians, may still hold the Supreme Court supreme and would want a regime that places justice in the hands of the learned judges of the apex court and not one that unleashes social media trolls to malign them.

Nevertheless the whole idea of democracy is to ensure a foolproof criminal justice system and not let the stakeholders turn the system on its head and leave a criminal-infested milieu that hides behind the facade of constitutional safeguards. The aforesaid conundrum looms heavy over the collective conscience of this diverse and pluralistic geography readying for another crucial phase of people's representation though a democratic election.

Last but not the least, the election commission that manages and conducts the largest democratic exercise in the world is mum when it comes to questioning the supreme power centre; the voter may indeed want the commission to hold everyone as equals in this exercise just as an ex-bureaucrat rightly pointed out just days ago to the commission and could not elicit a reply.

Quite a few discerning voters may wonder why they represent such a society so sickly, brushing under the carpet critical issues for long, as though denying treatment for a terminal illness. The prognosis isn't looking good either.

Off with weeds, Vengaiah Lake clean-up has begun

After years of pleading, work has at least begun, say KR Puram residents who stress on need to push on with revival

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After a long wait, the residents of KR Puram and neighbouring areas have a reason to rejoice. The Lake Department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has begun work to restore the 170-year-old Vengaiah Lake in the area. The civic agency has started draining the waterbody to carry out de-silting.

"After years of requesting, BBMP has finally started the revival of the lake. The work began last week and they are currently emptying the waterbody," said Balaji Raghotham Bali, a lake activist in the area.

Locals say the civic agency has taken up the work after many protests to draw authorities' attention toward the issue after the lake started stinking due to contamination owing to untreated sewage entering it.

They complained that though the fund for rejuvenation was sanctioned months ago and work was supposed to begin in December, it was delayed. "The locals have been pushing for the revival of the lake for nearly a decade now. Finally, we got fund allocation through the local MLA in December 2022. However, the civic agency has started pumping out contaminated water from the lake only now. The lake has to be cleared of weeds and de-silted after this. They fear the rejuvenation work will face indefinite delay if interrupted by the upcoming monsoon," said a resident. Residents also highlight that the original 64-acre lake has now been reduced to 59 acres owing to encroachments. However, it is being fenced already.

Restoration work has begun at the Vengaiah Lake

> **"The lake has to be cleared of weeds and de-silted after this. Locals fear the rejuvenation work will face indefinite delay if interrupted by the upcoming monsoon** –Resident of area

"A lot of area around the lake has been encroached over time. The lake's survey happened a few months ago and survey results showed that nearly five acres have been encroached. However, no eviction has happened and fencing work has begun. BBMP should have started fencing after rejuvenation and eviction," informed Bali.

However, residents say they are happy that some work has started.

"This is our dream lake. It was under severe stress due to the entry of untreated sewage for years. Now that UGD has been put in place, we are hopeful that BBMP will be able to restore it. Despite being one of the oldest lakes in the city, many living in KR Puram and neighbouring areas are clueless about its existence. This is because the lake has been covered in weeds for many years. We are happy that restoration work has finally begun," said another resident of the area.

Marshals rescue elderly woman who wandered far off from home

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) marshals once again turn saviors on Friday afternoon. After receiving a tip off from grass cutters, the marshals posted at Bellandur Lake rushed to the spot and rescued an elderly woman. It is believed that she has been lying on the lake land for two days.

"We rushed to the spot after receiving the information about an elderly woman sitting idle at Nagasandra side of Bellandur Lake. After seeing her, I remembered my mother who passed away when I was participating in the Kargil war. I along with supervisor Guru Prasad M and marshal Rayagonda Vittal brought her to our office and gave her water and food. We came to know that she is from Neragi near Varthur," said Captain Sadashiva Babu, Officer-in-Charge of BBMP Marshals.

BBMP marshals handing Lakshmamma to an auto driver who is sent by her son

The marshals had to look after the elderly woman for more than five hours. There was a delay in connecting with her family members. "As I am from Varthur, I contacted my friends in Neragi. Finally, I managed to contact her son Nagaraju who told me that his mother was missing since Wednesday," said Guru Prasad, supervisor, BBMP marshals.

BBMP marshal Rayagonda Vittal said he was very happy to be part of the rescue team that brought her to a safe place from the lake land.

The marshals then handed over the elderly woman to a autorickshaw driver who is familiar to her and her son.

Nagaraju said his mother Lakshmamma used to leave home in the morning and return in the evening. "I have tried my best to ensure her stay at home but in vain. I have been working as a glazier under a contractor. I have no other means of income and can't afford to stay at home. I spent around Rs 1 lakh towards my mother's treatment for dog bites a few months ago. A stray dog bit her when she was walking on the road," Nagaraju said.

He said that it is the first time that his mother stayed away from home for more than two days. "There are occasions where Hoysala police helped me to find my mother. I am looking for a suitable old age home where she can stay safe," he said.

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A HOLLOW EGG OR THE WHOLE BASKET?

How much chocolate should my kid eat this Easter?

Easter is the time for chocolate. The shops are full of fantastically packaged and shiny chocolates in all shapes and sizes, making trips to the supermarket with children more challenging than ever.

Meanwhile kids are receiving chocolate eggs at every turn from friends, relatives and the Easter Bunny (or bilby).

But this can also make it very tricky for parents to manage their kids' chocolate intake.

What's in chocolate?

There are potential health benefits of chocolate. Cocoa beans are rich in fat, vitamins, minerals and phenolic compounds (or phytochemicals) which have been shown to reduce blood pressure.

But these phenolic compounds taste so bitter they make raw cocoa almost inedible. And this is where food processing steps in.

Sugar, milk fat and other ingredients are added to make milk chocolate – the amount of cocoa used is small. By the time you get to "white chocolate" there is no cocoa at all.

Overall, studies on the health benefits of chocolate show very weak evidence that chocolate is good for our health. If there is a benefit, it comes from very dark, bitter chocolate with a high proportion of cocoa (and phytochemicals), which children tend not to like. Dark chocolate sometimes gives adults a "mood boost" as it contains caffeine.

How much chocolate should kids eat?

All types of chocolate are classed as "discretionary" foods, the same as biscuits, cake and sugary drinks. This means they should be considered as treats.

As a rough guide, kids aged two to three years should not have more than one serve per day of discretionary foods and for older kids up to three serves per day. Translating this into "chocolate", a serve of chocolate would be 25–30g. An average hollow chocolate Easter egg weighs in at around 100g.

But it is OK for children to have some chocolate as a treat. Kids are not going to go sugar crazy if they enjoy eating their bunny or have some extra chocolate over the Easter break.

If children eat only chocolate through the day, this could lead to a sugar crash and leave kids hungry and cranky at bedtime. So make sure you fill them up with real food before letting them at the chocolate eggs.

Babies should not be offered chocolate as it will sensitise them to overly sweet flavours. But those more than six months old can join in the fun with a "real egg" hard boiled.

How can you manage Easter festivities?

When planning treats for your kids, there are a few things you can do to manage the chocolate:

if you are buying eggs and bunnies, compare the weight of products to help you choose a suitable serving size for your child's age use small, individually wrapped eggs in your egg hunt. Smaller pre-wrapped portions help parents manage consumption over time without nagging and demonising chocolate as a "bad food" ask family members to buy an alternative gift such as a book or game to reduce the sheer quantity of chocolates entering the house at Easter remember bunnies eat carrots too! Offer savoury snacks before the chocolate to help fill them up with essential nutrients before they have their treats.

(Clare Dix, Helen Truby and Stella Boyd-Ford, University of Queensland, The Conversation)

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Just say the word, your best friend knows

Dogs are able to understand that some words refer to objects in a way that is similar to humans, a small study of canine brain waves has found, offering insight into the way the minds of man's best friends work.

That our four-legged companions are able to recognise words that prompt actions will come as no surprise to dog owners who tell their pets to "sit" or "fetch".

However, the study, which analysed brain activity in 18 dogs, provided evidence that they can activate a memory of an object when they hear its name. The study was carried out at the Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest and published in the journal Current Biology.

"There has been a long debate on a non-human animal's ability to understand words referentially," said Marianna Boros who co-authored the study.

"While there have been behavioural reports, these were always exceptional cases. Our study is the first where we claim that this is a species-wide capacity."

During the study, dog owners said words for objects their pets knew. Then in some cases they would present the dog with an object that matched the word, while in other cases the object didn't match.

The results found that the patterns in the dogs' brains when the words matched the objects were different compared to when they didn't. This is similar to what can be observed in humans.

"Dogs can understand that words stand for things... So they activate mental representations and they link the meaning of the word to a mental representation and not just the context," said Boros.

The researchers plan to examine if this ability to understand referential language is specific to dogs or might be present in other mammals as well. **—Reuters**

All you need to know about...

Pillars of relationship

Commitment
Commitment means you intend to be together no matter what happens. Commitment is the dedication and loyalty that partners have towards each other and the relationship. It involves prioritising the relationship, being faithful, and working through challenges together, even when things get tough.. A healthy and successful relationship requires commitment from both the partners.

Compromise
By compromise we don't mean what your next door aunty has been telling you for decades. Compromise doesn't mean compromising you needs and desires. Compromise is the ability to find middle ground and make concessions in order to resolve conflicts or meet each other's needs. It requires flexibility, understanding, and a willingness to find solutions that benefit both partners.

Forgiveness
Forgiveness is essential for letting go of past hurts and resentments in order to move forward in the relationship. It involves empathy, understanding, and the willingness to accept apologies and reconcile after conflicts or mistakes. There is no love without forgiveness. One must always have the intention to let go of hurt, resentment and anger.

Effort
Effort is the consistent investment of time, energy, and resources into the relationship to nurture its growth and strengthen the bond between partners. It involves actively engaging in communication, showing appreciation, and making gestures to demonstrate love and care. Effort in a relationship is vital. Make an effort to be mindful in your relationship. It is all about being flexible and non-judgmental. Be observant and be an attentive listener. Be aware of your loved one's emotions, accept the person without expecting any changes in them. Be patient. One must make an effort towards all these.

— Mishi Mehta, MatchMe, Femina

Gala for hope

Alia hosts event to raise money for underprivileged

Alia Bhatt hosted her first charity event Hope Gala in London as she raised money for underprivileged adolescents in India at the event, to help the Salaam Bombay foundation.

Alia said in a statement: "I'm happy to have played a small part in helping these children reshape their narratives. Furthermore, holding the Hope Gala at such a prestigious venue is a genuine privilege, as I've always been a fan of Mandarin Oriental's exceptional hospitality.

The actress added: "Today marks just the beginning of our efforts, and with the support of our generous contributors, I'm confident we'll make significant strides in empowering future generations."

Along with Alia, the guests included actress-model Poppy Delevingne, director Gurinder Chadha, Natasha Poonawalla of Serum Institute of India.The evening saw performances by Indian singer Harshdeep Kaur, Usha Jey, the innovator behind Hybrid Bharatham, and the Yehudi Menuhin School Quartet. It also had a conversation between Alia and comedian Rohan Joshi.

Attendees were treated to a culinary experience inspired by the best of Indian and British cuisines, created by Michelin-star chefs Vineet Bhatia and Jason Atherton, as well as dishes from Chef Francisco Hernandez, Executive Chef at the hotel.

Alia added: "Hosting my inaugural charity gala in collaboration with the Salaam Bombay Foundation and Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group has been an incredible experience. I've long admired Padmini Sekhsaria's unwavering dedication to uplifting at-risk youth in India's slums, offering them hope and opportunity."

—IANS

Cardi B reveals finding clothes to fit her curves is 'not easy'

Raptress Cardi B has talked about how her curves make finding suitable outfits a battle.

The 'Bodak Yellow' rapper, 31, spoke about her "clothing" battle to stylist Kollin Carter to mark him being named in The Hollywood Reporter's annual list of the entertainment industry's most influential stylists. Cardi B said: "There are so many obstacles against us. For example, this body is not meant for a size two. I'm very hips..., and that's me."The rapper added that dressing a curvy figure "was not easy", but added that she and Kollin "make it look easy", reports femalefirst.co.uk. Cardi B added: "Our door was closed many times... but we're here because we do it well. I'm not going to be humble about it."

—IANS

Keep our daughters alive

Tharini

3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Siddu Poornachandra
- **ACTORS** Mamatha Rahuth, Rohit R Rangaswamy, Bhavani Prakash, Sudha Prasanna, Suresh Kotian
- **Duration** 158 minutes
- **Certification** U

This movie has come at the right time as a wake-up call to society. Despite state government and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) creating awareness among the public, incidents of female foeticide are taking place in rural areas as well as cities including Bengaluru.

The movie begins with a family at a village making preparations to kill a baby girl as her father does not want her. Later, the scene shifts to a scanning centre owned by a greedy lady doctor (Bhavani Prakash) who does abortions without any remorse. Ranjan (Rohit R Rangaswamy) brings his pregnant wife Keerthi (Mamatha Rahuth) to the centre on the pretext of a checkup. He asks the lady doctor to terminate his wife's pregnancy. Keerthi comes to know about it and refuses to oblige. However, circumstances compel her to agree. What happens to her and the lady doctor is what Tharini is all about.

The movie is solely aimed at conveying a message to society about the menace of female foeticide. It does not have any elements required to entertain mass audiences or to keep the audiences on the edge of their seats. The cast, locations, and sets for this movie are selected on par with the script.

Director Siddu Poornachandra has tried his best to narrate the script aptly and simply. As far as the performance of actors is concerned, Mamatha Rahut has acted well. Rohit is convincing as a greedy husband. His dialogue delivery is good. Bhavani Prakash is too good as a lady villain. Suresh Kotian Chitrapu has acted well as a social activist. Baby Nishita steals the show with her sterling performance. Her dialogue delivery and gestures are a treat to watch. Sudha Prasanna, who plays a housekeeping staff, provides good support.

To know about the ill-effects of scanning centres and for a crucial message, this film is a must-watch.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

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Save green

Lyricist-cum-director Dr V Nagendra Prasad is happy with the title launch of his latest movie in which he is playing the lead. The title – Krishnavatara – was launched by six celebrities named after Krishna – cinematographer JG Krishna.

This film has a social theme with a message to society on the environment. Siri YSR is helming the movie while Guruprasad K is bankrolling it under the Mayabazar Films banner. Shubha Raksha and Triveni Raj are paired opposite Prasad.

"Guruprasad has bankrolled this movie because of his passion towards movies. I got a good character in the movie. I participated in the shooting for 15 days. Director Siri intends to convey something to society through this movie," said Prasad.

Shubha Raksha, one of the heroines, said that she plays a research student.

About friendship

Debutant director TR Gautam Gowda, who worked as an associate director for Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu movies, is on cloud nine with how his film Partner has turned out. Its trailer and soundtrack were released by veteran director Om Saiprakash during a function held at Renukamba Preview Theater on March 26.

"The movie revolves around two friends and it has all elements including family, emotions and love. I have not put in any unnecessary elements. The movie went on floors during the lockdown. It stopped after 15 days due to the lockdown," said Gowda.

He said that one of the songs – picturised at a dhaba – has come out well. "I began writing the script with focus on two lead characters played by Chethan and Satishkrishna Shetty. The movie has five songs and two of them have already become popular," he said.

Nagaraj R and TK Ravi have bankrolled Partner under the Navilu Vayuputra Combines banner. Chethan R and Satishkrishna Shetty are two heroes and Agnisakshi fame Sukrutha Nag and Preethi M are paired opposite them while Robert plays the villain.

On right track to waste management

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They accompany four tractors to collect waste from door to door," said Santha P, programme manager of Stonesoup Trust.

Namma Swachha Kannamangala project has not only created awareness among the residents on segregation of waste at source but also provided livelihood for around 10 women.

"I am very happy to work here. Segregation of waste is being done at source. We segregate dry waste at the waste management centre," said R Latha.

Malini Parmar of Stonesoup Trust said that Kannamangala gram panchayat along with citizen group ForceGW and Stonesoup Trust came together to reduce waste going out of the area by 80%.

"Phase I is almost complete and Phase II is being planned when the cutlery bank, repair stores to the preloved library, and store will be coming up," said Parmar.

The residents are very happy with the door-to-door collection of garbage. They said the number of black spots has decreased considerably.

"The waste management project is working excellently. I am very happy with the success of the project," said Ravikumar, president, Kannamangala gram panchayat.

Kannamangala gram panchayat is the only panchayat to have an automated composting machine in Karnataka. As of now, the compost making machine has the capacity to convert five tonnes of wet waste into compost per day.

"We are planning to appoint five marshals to prevent people creating black spots in Kannamangala gram panchayat that has 6,500 households, 80 business establishments and 10 schools (including five government schools).

We have distributed 3,000 sanitary pads for women and 1,000 reusable diaper kits for children," said Lingaraj Urs, chairman of Mahadevapura Taskforce.

Meanwhile, Kannamangala panchayat development officer Sridhar said the panchayat has been trying to eliminate black spots and ensure segregation of waste at source.

"The waste management centre needs some more amenities, including a compound wall. There is no shortage of funds. Developmental works will be taken up after Lok Sabha elections," said the panchayat development officer.

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I, MAHALAKSHMI MOOPANAR D/o Madaswamy Moopanar, residing at No.271, Citrus Earth Villa, Doddaballa pur main road, Kadathanamale toll, Suradhenupura, Aradesha halli, Bangalore-562110 have changed my name to MILI MOOPANAR, vide affidavit dated 28.03.2024 sworn before notary Renuka .C, B.lore.

I Kartikeya S/o Ram Krishna R/o #133, Green Glen Layout, Bangalore - 560103, have changed my name to Kartikeya RK.

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I hitherto known as Radha Shet W/o Madhukar Shet, residing at No.16, 1st Main, Near Krishna Temple, Deshabandunagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560097, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bharati Shet.

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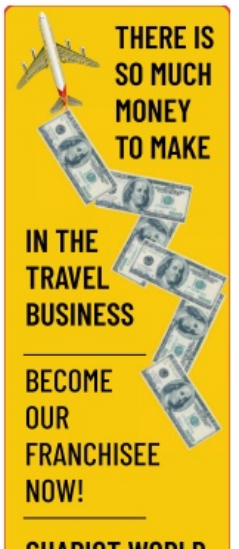
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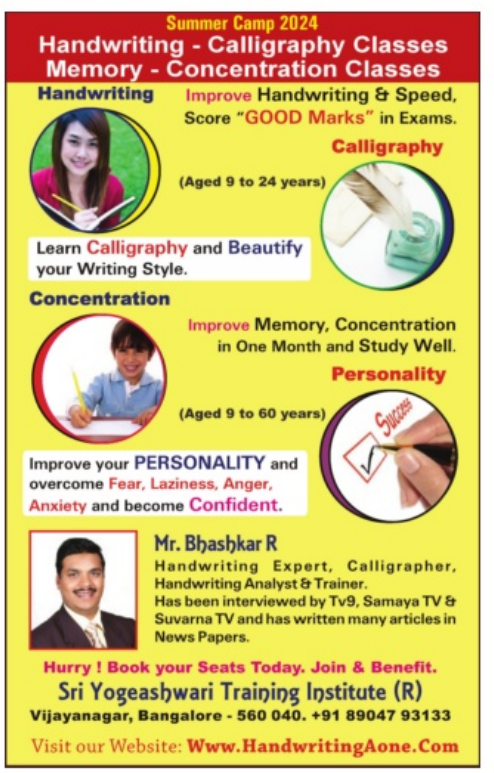
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'BJP misusing I-T, ED to undermine democracy'

Says K'taka Health Minister Gundu Rao after I-T dept issues demand notice of around Rs 1,700 crore to Congress

Karnataka Health Minister and Congress leader Dinesh Gundu Rao on Friday accused the BJP of misusing IT and ED to undermine democracy and deceive the public.

Rao's reaction came after the news surfaced that the Income Tax Department had issued a demand notice of about Rs 1,700 crore to the Congress.

"Misusing IT and ED to undermine democracy and deceive the public is nothing new for you. By instructing the IT Department to target Congress and reopen old cases on baseless grounds, what are you hoping to achieve, @BJP4India?," Gundu Rao posted on X.

He said that Congress will never succumb to the "intimidation" of the BJP.

"If you believe we'll succumb to your intimidation, you're gravely mistaken. The entire nation is aware of your electoral bonds scam, hollow promises, misgovernance, and repeated desperate bids to cling to power. The day we demand accountability for your injustices is fast approaching. Just wait to face the consequences of your actions," Rao added.

The Congress sources said that the fresh demand notice from IT is for assessment years 2017-18 to 2020-21 and includes penalty and interest.

The Delhi High Court had earlier this week dismissed the party's plea, challenging the Income Tax Department's order opening reassessment proceedings against it for 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21.

The Division Bench of Justice Yashwant Verma and Justice Purushaindra Kumar Kaurav on Thursday dismissed four pleas filed by the Congress on similar terms as its earlier judgement, whereby identical pleas of the same political party were dismissed regarding the reassessment proceedings for three years.

Workers arrange Congress party flags ahead of Lok Sabha elections, in Jammu, on Friday

> **"The entire nation is aware of your electoral bonds scam, hollow promises, misgovernance, and repeated desperate bids to cling to power**
>
> –Dinesh Gundu Rao

Recently, the Delhi High Court upheld the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) order refusing to stay on the Income Tax notice for recovery of more than Rs 105 crore as outstanding tax against the Congress. The Court while upholding the ITAT order, granted liberty to the petitioner's Congress party to move the appellate tribunal afresh with the grievance.

The Congress has recently approached the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) against the recovery and has filed a complaint and sought a stay against Income Tax Department proceedings of recovery and "freezing" of their Bank accounts. **-ANI**

Knock, knock

Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Virat Kohli and Kolkata Knight Riders' captain Shreyas Iyer during their match in the Indian Premier League 2024, at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Friday. RCB scored 182/6. Batting first, star batter Virat Kohli top-scored with an unbeaten 83 off 59 balls while Cameron Green (33 off 21 balls) and Glenn Maxwell (28 off 19 balls) made useful contributions, the latter while getting two reprieves. Enjoying a good run of form, Kohli struck four fours and as many sixes.

Female workforce participation at 29.41%

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are rapidly affecting the demand for skills, which will continue to impact young people in the labour market," noted the report by the Institute for Human Development on labour and employment issues.

The proportion of youths not in employment, education or training has also gone up in the state. While a little over 28% of the state's population in the age group of 15–29 was out of employment, education or training in 2005, it has now reached over 30%. The scenario is bleak for young women in this case as 53.49% are currently not in employment, education or training.

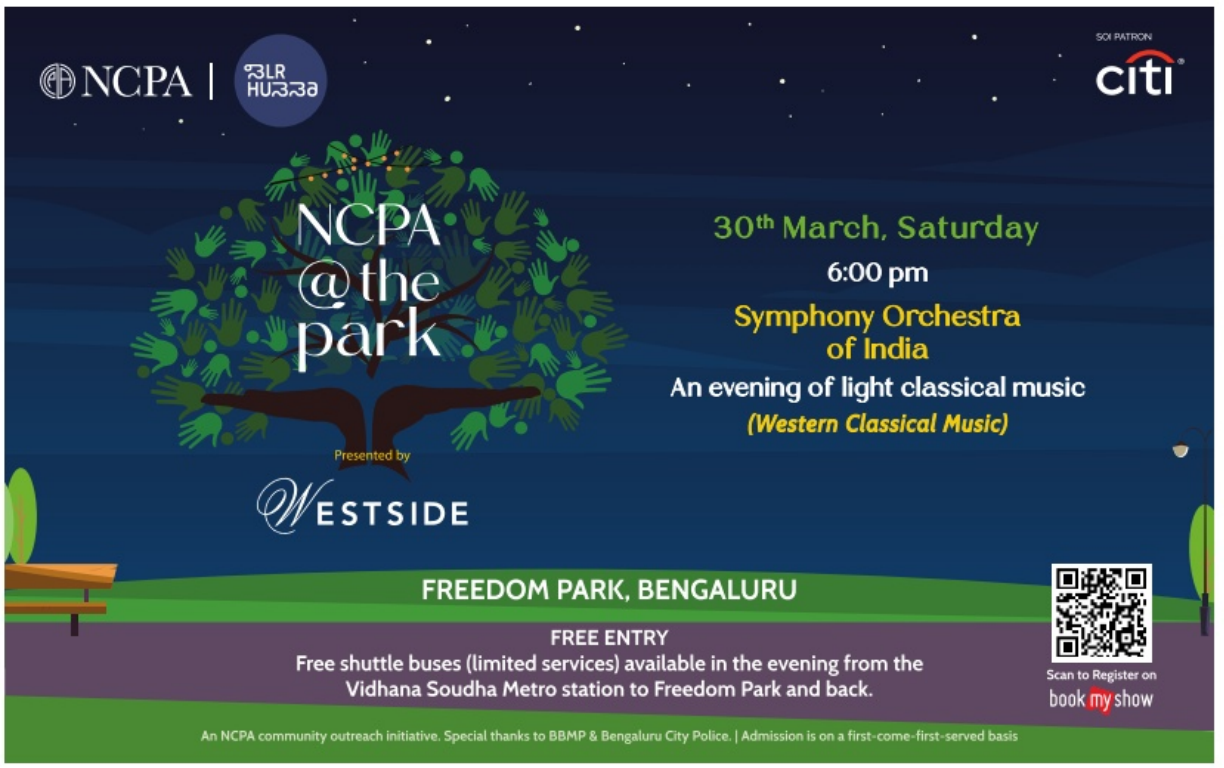
The report highlighted that while the male workforce participation rate in the state is 73.68%, the female workforce participation rate is an abysmal 29.41%.

According to the report, India has a large share of youths not in employment, education or training, and the rate is much higher among young women than men. The majority of young women not in employment, education or training are also out of the labour force, while the men with the same status are largely unemployed.

It further highlighted the challenge of educated youth unemployment is increasing and becoming huge in India, with immense implications for societal balance and peace.

While Indian youths are attaining high levels of education, not enough employment opportunities are created for them, as reflected by the declining participation in the labour force and workforce.

"The youth unemployment rate has been rising over the past several decades – from 5.6% in 2000 to 6.2% in 2012, and then increasing threefold, to nearly 18% in 2018, and reaching around 15.1% in 2020. There are segments of the industry in which there is potential for youths to take up jobs where modern rather than traditional skills are in demand, but issues related to low skills and employability persist," noted the study.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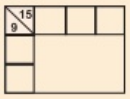
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

Use the digits above once each only to compose two fractions which when added together equal 1

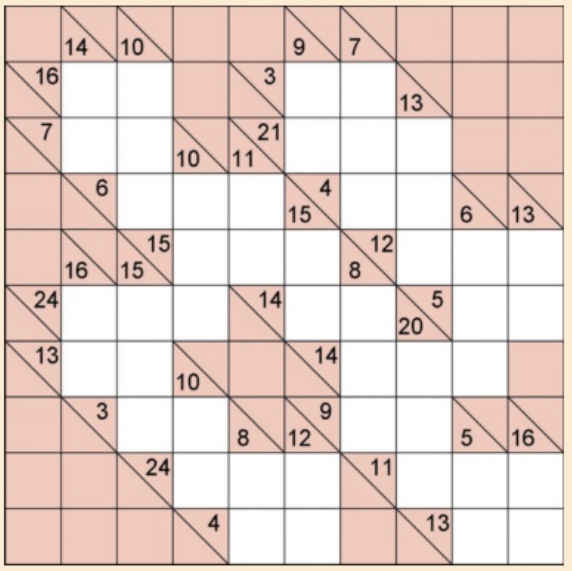
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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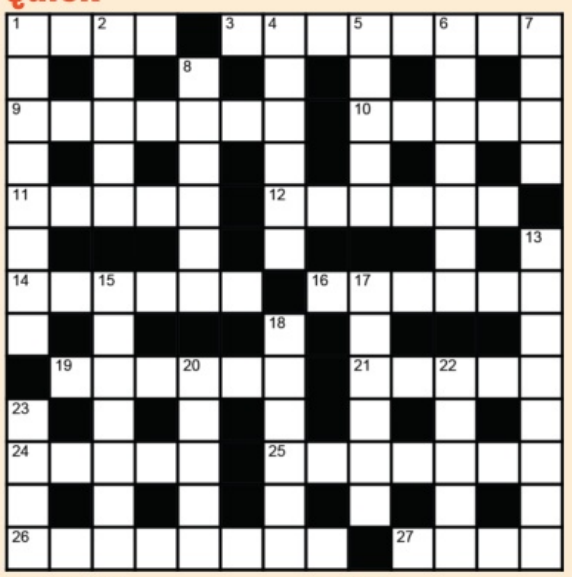


ACROSS

1 Strike with the foot (4)
3 Bony framework (8)
9 The truth (7)
10 To such time (5)
11 Libertines (5)
12 Further up a slope, difficult (6)
14 Vagrants (6)
16 Things to settle (6)
19 Sesame paste (6)
21 Himachal Pradesh's ___ Valley (5)
24 Hot chocolate (5)
25 Colloquialism to describe an empty, talkative person (7)
26 Remittances? (8)
27 Formal prohibitions (4)

DOWN

1 Chappati made out of rice (4,4)
2 As different as ___ and cheese? (5)
4 Stimulates or excites a person? (4,2)
5 Express amusement (5)
6 Existing in name only (7)
7 Oliver familiarised; top of the head (4)
8 Excavates or unearths? (4,2)
13 Soothes or calms (8)
15 Lawlessness (7)
17 Forming into a compact mass? (6)
18 A stupid person (6)
20 Furious (5)
22 Tripoli is its capital (5)
23 The Mounties: Abbr. (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: G EQUALS T

GE VW PZLU ZP GE WCYEN BECQALTZLQS KAWAEFQGZJWP.

Linemaro

My shrink says I'm afraid of commitment... Want to help prove him wrong?

Mindchow

Wisdom will keep you from getting into situations where you need it

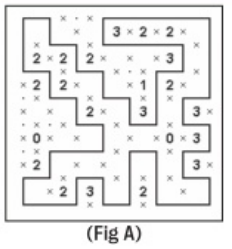
Joke of the day

Misery no longer loves company; nowadays, it insists on it

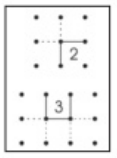
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

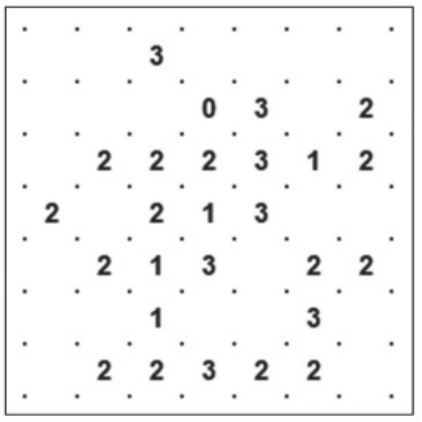


(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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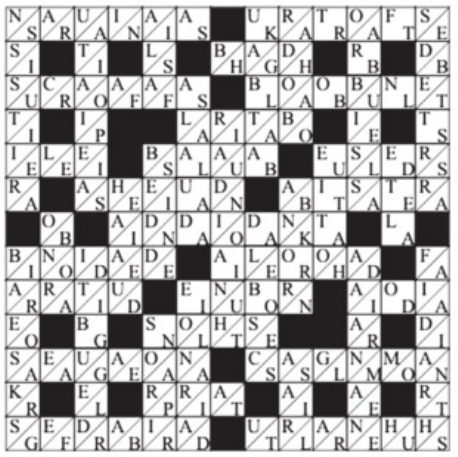
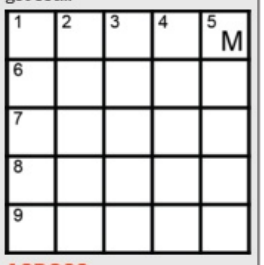


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Motet; 6 Envoi; 7 Sonde; 8 Lamia; 9 Coals

DOWN

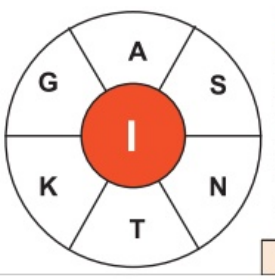
1 Con it; 2 OO Vol; 3 Ad Lit; 4 Mean E; 5 Seams

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

24, 30, ? , 60, 84, 114

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

19 Average; 21 Good; 23 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

4		5				9		8
	1						2	
8			5		4			7
		6		5		3		
1	3		9		6		5	2
		4		8		7		
3			8		7			1
	9						8	
5		8				2		4

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 1
1 3 8 9

Medium = 15
3 6 9 9

Hard = 14
1 3 9 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

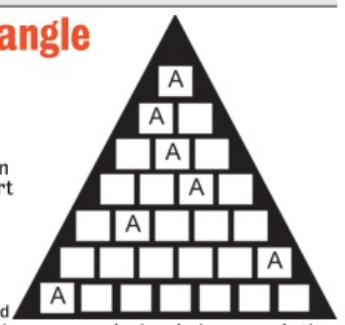
Differences: 1. Mouth is different. 2. Fork is missing. 3. Glass is taller. 4. Stripe on shirt is missing. 5. Button is added. 6. Bowl of food is moved.

Riddler

Ethan was going for a night out but his key fob battery had died and the button wouldn't unlock his car door. How was he able to get in?

Alpha triangle

1 First letter
2 A's alternative
3 Metal container
4 Glance over
5 Repairs a chair
6 Roman statesman
7 It makes the heart grow fonder



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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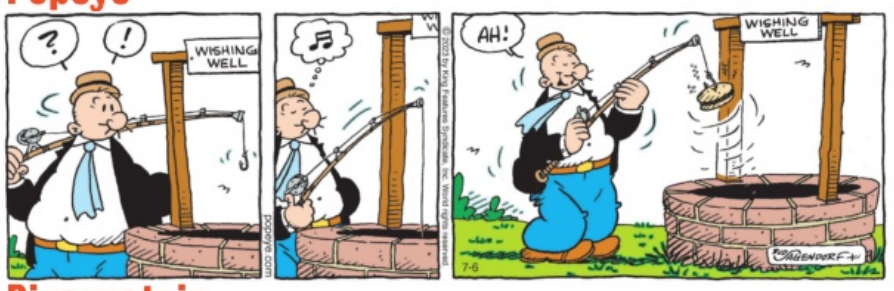

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Diamond Lil

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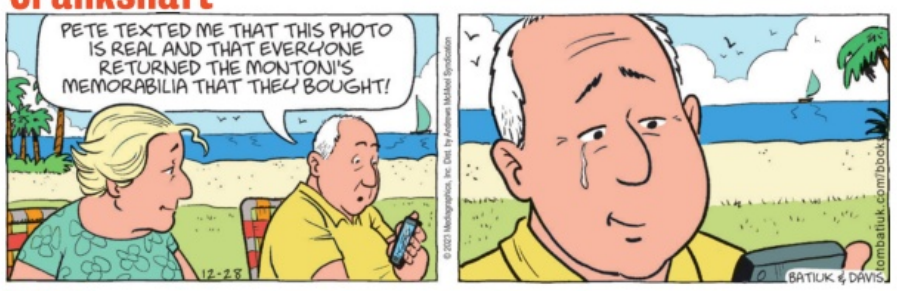
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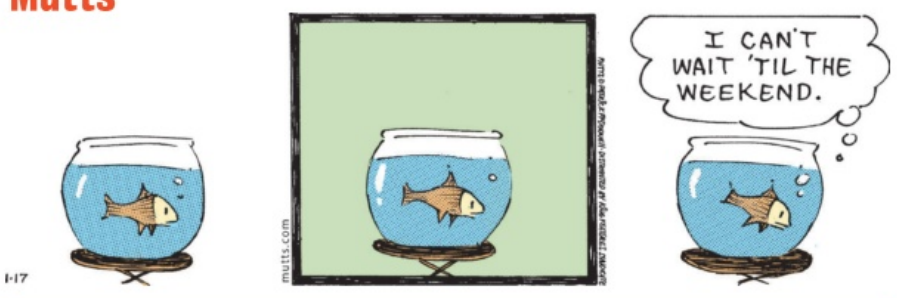

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, your energy levels will be high, making you happy and optimistic about fulfilling your desires through hard work. You will plan outings with friends and family to share your happiness. Students will receive good news regarding their studies.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
The day may start unhappily until late afternoon, causing nervousness. However, from noon onwards, your internal vitality will boost your self-confidence. Avoid making careless decisions regarding finances, career, and studies. Patience is necessary to avoid conflicts with your spouse. Lovebirds may plan short trips.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Your tendency to overspend may affect your savings today. Be careful in expressing yourself both at work and in domestic matters. Avoid lending money and postpone making important decisions regarding real estate and other assets. Don't evade your responsibilities.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Social gatherings today will help you re-establish your network, which could bring benefits in the future. Those in glamorous professions like art and fashion may plan something new for their careers. Students will perform well in their studies. Lovebirds will enjoy their time together.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today will be busy at work, which may tire you out, but you will enjoy it. Financially, you'll be prudent and not spend on unnecessary items. You'll be polite with family, friends, and loved ones, and might receive some good news from family members.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Blessings from elders will boost your confidence today. Trust your intuition before taking any initiative, especially in work matters. Visiting a religious place with family is likely. Control your arrogance for a harmonious domestic life. Students may expect good results.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
The morning will be pleasant, but negative feelings may set in during the afternoon, affecting your professional life. Expect some domestic arguments. Avoid lending money, as it may not be easily recoverable. Reflect on your shortcomings. You may be drawn to occult sciences.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Blessed by the moon, you'll be in a good mood and romantic today, bringing harmony to your domestic life. Patience will help you perform well professionally, and you'll experience good coordination with colleagues and business partners.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Successfully controlling expenses will boost your bank balance. Pay attention to your children's health. Singles may see unexpected progress in marriage matters. Those in travel, diplomatic, or supply chain sectors will do well. Take care of stomach issues.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Plans may not work out on the professional front, leading to arrogance. Avoid making important investment and relationship decisions. Couples should avoid arguments to maintain harmony. Students should avoid shortcuts in their studies.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Moon's influence may make you sensitive and emotional today. Avoid investing in real estate or assets. Take care of your parents' health. Expect delays at work, but face them with patience. Avoid indecision in your professional life.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You'll be glad today as you balance your earnings and expenses, boosting your finances. Your network will help you implement your plans, and your siblings and subordinates will be supportive. Consider visiting elders or a religious place.

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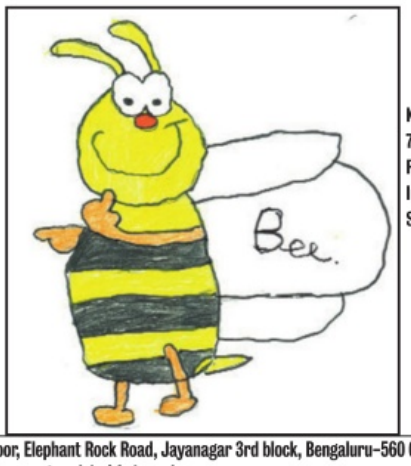

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QUICK
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BULL'S EYE
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MENSA PUZZLE

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SUDOKU

ALPHA TRIANGLE
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GO FIGURE
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Medium
3 + 9 – 6 + 9 = 15
Hard
2 x 3 – 1 + 9 = 14

LOOP

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QUOTE UNCODE
To be sick is to enjoy monarchical prerogatives.

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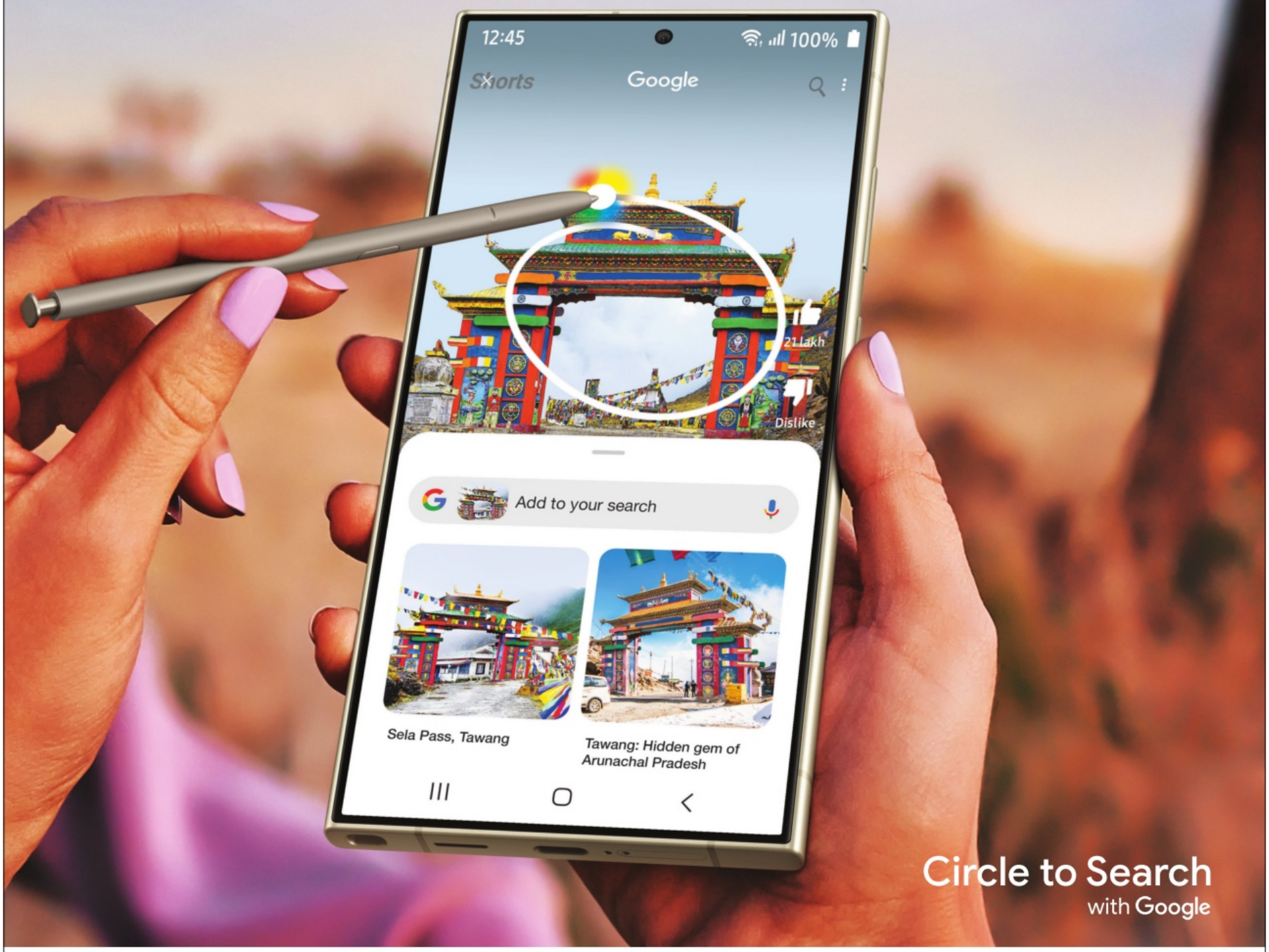

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